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Rev. Jackson suspects FBI, CIA in King's death

MEMPHIS — A civil rights leader has urged an investigation of "who financed the bullet" that killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and whether the FBI and Central Intelligence Agency played a role.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who was talking with King when he was slain, said Friday, on the seventh anniversary of King's murder here, that "with the revelations of Watergate and the exposure of the role of the CIA and FBI in affecting the policy of government, the bugging and the spying, there is considerable evidence now that we have a valid case."

He said the FBI tried to neutralize activities of blacks and it and the CIA "saw as its role physical intimidation and destruction of those groups or voices that challenged the administration. Assassination is a very strong form of neutralizing."